

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 6, line 17 of the specification with the following paragraph:

A deposit of *Bifidobacterium longum infantis* strain HCG UCC 35624 was made at the National Collections of Industrial and Marine Bacteria Limited (NCIMB) at Ferguson Building, Craibstone Estate, Bucksburn, Aberdeen AB21 9YA, UK on January 13, 1999 and accorded the accession number NCIMB 41003.

Please replace the paragraph starting at page ⁸6, line ⁵17 of the specification with the following paragraph:

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A deposit of *Lactobacillus salivarius* strain HCG UCC 118 was made at the National Collections of Industrial and Marine Bacteria Limited (NCIMB) at Ferguson Building, Craibstone Estate, Bucksburn, Aberdeen AB21 9YA, UK on November 27, 1996 and accorded the accession number NCIMB 40829.